Disproportionate asset cases

562. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has filed an appeal in the Delhi High Court to challenge the order of Income Tax Tribunal which had given clean chit in Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister's disproportionate asset case stating that the gifts in cash and property given to her were given by the party workers as a mark of affection;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be filed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal, Delhi has passed an order on 30.11.2007 in the case of Ms. Mayawati which was received by the Income-tax Department on 28.12.2007. No appeal has been filed till date. Limitation for filling the appeal expires on 25.4.2008.

Public enterprises in Tamil Nadu

563. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the Central Public Sector Enterprises functioning in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the percentage of Central Public Sector Enterprises situated in the State, of the total number of Central PSEs;

(c) whether Government had set-up any Central PSEs in the State during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the Central PSEs likely to be set up in near future in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2006-07, which has been laid in both the houses of Parliament on 28.2.2008, there are 247 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), out of which 9 CPSEs have their registeed office in the State of Tamil Nadu. In addition 97 other CPSEs also have their presensce. The gross block of these 106 CPSEs in Tamil Nadu as on 31.3.2007 was Rs. 49091 crore, which is 6.27 percent of total gross block of CPSEs.

(c) to (e) M/s Sethusamudram Corp. Ltd., a new CPSE was registered in the State of Tamil Nadu in the year 2004.

Expansion of Haridwar unit of BHEL

†564 SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL is unable to supply the turbines for the use of Hydel projects timely;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether there is any plan for expansion of BHEL unit situated at Haridwar, keeping in view the difference between demand and supply; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no constraint in timely supply of turbines by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to hydel projects. Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in its report on "Assessment of preparedness of BHEL to meet the capacity addition requirement of Power Sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan has stated that "for hydro projects, no delay is attributable to supply and erection of power house equipment by BHEL."

(b) and (c) BHEL has enhanced its power generating equipment manufacturing capacity from existing 6,000 MW to 10,000 MW per annum as on 31.12.2007 and is further augmenting it to 15,000 MW per annum by and December 2009, which include capacity expansion at Haridwar Unit also to meet the emerging requirement of the country.

Revival of HMT unit at Ranibagh, Uttarakhand

†565. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some plan is being formulated to revive the HMT unit situated at Ranibagh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of steps to be taken to revive this unit situated in the backward region of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The watch factory at Ranibagh is a sick unit of HMT Watches Limited. No final decision with regard to this unit has been taken.

Continuous loss in Government enterprises

†566. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 226 Public Sector Enterprises have suffeed a loss of more than Rs. 23 thousand crores during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the loss, industry-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether some strategy have been prepared to control this nature of constant loss; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2006-07, which has been laid in both the houses of Parliament on 28-2-2008, the number of loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and amount of losses during the last three years are as under:

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